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SUBJECT: AMIA: FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINE MFA PRIOR  
TO INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: A. COTONOU 838

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Tom Kelly for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (S) Summary: MFA's AMIA lead Ambassador Guillermo Gonzalez told Charge October 31 that he felt reasonably confident Argentina's request for capture notices would be supported at the November 5-8 Interpol General Assembly (GA) meeting. He noted they were still uneasy about Africa -- and would welcome any available information that come in. He said he believed they have the support of South African Interpol Executive Committee (EC) President Selebi. He expressed concern as well about the EC's Arab members and Russia. Brazil is sending mixed signals to the Argentines, and the "Bolivarians" are split. GOA diplomatic efforts will continue in Rabat, and Gonzalez asked that we pass him contact information in Rabat for the U.S. delegation stating he thought it would be useful for the delegations to quietly touch base before the EC meets prior to the GA meeting. CDA passed on information from U.S. missions responding to ref. E, and Gonzalez expressed his great appreciation for USG efforts on behalf of the GOA. End Summary.

[1](#)2. (S) CDA and MFA AMIA lead Ambassador Guillermo Gonzalez compared latest information October 30 and again on October 31, prior to Gonzalez's departure October 31 for Marrakech. Gonzalez said that, overall, he was reasonably confident that Argentina will prevail and that the Interpol General Assembly will vote to support the Executive Committee's recommendation to issue capture notices for five of the Iranians indicted by Argentine justice in the 1994 AMIA terrorist bombing. He

said he was still uneasy about Africa and asked for information on the responses U.S. missions were getting in Africa. He was grateful for the news from Cotonou (ref. A) of Benin's support for the GOA, as it represented the first positive news on the issue from Francophone Africa. He said they had been in contact with the EC President, South African Jackie Selebi, and felt that the GOA had Selebi on its side. He relayed that Selebi said he did not see this as a U.S.-Iran issue and that, in any case, he is not anti-American. In fact, Selebi reportedly told the Argentines that there is no other government (referring to the U.S.) that South Africa feels more comfortable with. This is an issue between Argentina's justice system and the indicted individuals, and Interpol should support the request for capture notices. Gonzalez said the EC Vice President, Italian Rodolfo Ronconi, would also be supportive.

13. (S) Gonzalez said they are still getting mixed signals from Brazil, but said he believes that, given Lula's high-level courting of President-elect Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, the Brazilians will not let them down. Gonzalez claimed that the GOA has made some progress in courting "Bolivarian" countries. Ecuador's FM informed the GOA that it would vote to support Iran, although it hoped the vote would be secret. Gonzalez also said that Bolivia informed the GOA this week that it would support Argentina. On Venezuela, Gonzalez said he did not know what the GBRV would do, but the MFA had conveyed the message that, if Venezuela cannot support the GOA, it hopes that Venezuela will at least keep quiet. Failing that, if Venezuela will not support the GOA, the GOA has asked that it be informed beforehand "and not stabbed in the back."

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14. (C) Gonzalez said that diplomatic efforts would continue in Marrakech and that their Embassy in Rabat was working on setting up meetings with other delegations. Gonzalez asked that we provide him with contact information in Marrakech for the U.S. delegation, saying it would be useful for the delegations to quietly touch base before the EC meets prior to the GA meeting. Gonzalez asked that we pass to FBI/OIA Director Tom Fuentes that the EU countries and Selebi said they would be looking for Fuentes' active participation in the EC against any Iranian efforts to derail the process. Gonzalez said he was comfortable that Iranian efforts could be countered. He expressed continued concern about the EC's Arab members (Algeria and Morocco) and Russia. Gonzalez noted that U.S. intervention with the Russians may be required. Gonzalez said that India (who he said will support Argentina) had heard that Iran was withdrawing its appeal of the EC decision to issue the capture notices. Gonzalez said they had checked with Lyon, and Interpol had no information indicating Iran was withdrawing its appeal.

15. (U) Members of the GOA delegation traveling to Marrakech:  
Comisario General Nestor Valleccas, Chief of Federal Police  
Ambassador Guillermo Gonzalez, MFA  
Comisario Alesandro De Nizo, Interpol Representative  
Comisario Inspector, Alberto ChutChurru  
Dr. Alberto Nisman, AMIA Special Prosecutor  
Dr. Hernan Longo, AMIA Prosecutor  
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